Mr. S. Venkateswaran *(Conservator of Forests):*

(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Mr. B. Muhamad Khan, Contractor, Chalakkudi.
(*c*) Rs. 10—8—0 per ton.
(*d*) Yes, Rs. 100 to join the bid.
(*e*) No, the rate offered being a little bit high.
(*f*) Yes. Mr. J. H. Williams.
(*g*) Rs. 8—15—0 per ton.

DRINKING WATER—LITTORAL TRACTS

709. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) has the Ministry any definite scheme for the supply of good drinking water to the littoral tracts of Cochin;

(*b*) what is the scheme if one is ready?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) and (*b*) Arrangements have already been made for the supply of 6,000 gallons of water per day to Vypeen temporarily by transporting water in Changadoms. A permanent arrangement is under consideration of Government.

MALARIA—PATTICAD AREA

710. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is not Patticad a Malarial area;

(*b*) if so, what are the preventive measures taken and how much do Government spend per year for the same?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Quinine and quinine substitutes are distributed free to the inhabitants of this locality through the Medical Practitioner of the local Grant-in-aid dispensary. About Rs. 1,000 is spent every year towards this.

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711. മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് കെ. വള്ളിസ്സ്: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ഗവൺമെണ്ട ഭയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) അമേരിക്കയിൽനിന്നു പാൽ പൊടിയായും കട്ടിയായും എത്രത്തോളം കിട്ടിയെന്ന ഒരു വിവരമായ പട്ടിക നൽകാമോ;

(ബി) ആയതിൽ എത്ര ചിലവാക്കി; ഏതെല്ലാം വഴിക്കു; എവിടെ;

(സി) ബാക്കി ഇരിപ്പെത്ര?

റാവു സാഹിബ് എം. എം. പോൾ:

(എ) ഇന്ത്യാഗവൺമെണ്ടു മുഖേനയാണ് പാൽപൊടിയും പാൽകട്ടിയും നമുക്കു ലഭിച്ചുവരുന്നതു. ആകെ എൻ വു ടണ്ണോളം ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു.

(ബി) ഉദ്ദേശം എഫ്എ ടണ്ണോളം ചിലവാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടു. ഇതു ഗർഭിണികൾ, പ്രസവിച്ചുകിടക്കുന്ന സ്ത്രീകൾ, ശിശുക്കൾ, പോഷണം കുറഞ്ഞ കുട്ടികൾ മുതലായവർക്കും, ഹോസ്പിറ്റലിലേക്കും ആണ് കൊടുക്കുന്നതു. പാൽപൊടിയിൽനിന്നും പാൽകട്ടിയിൽനിന്നും പാലുണ്ടാക്കി അതു മേല്പറഞ്ഞവർക്ക പാൽവിതരണകേന്ദ്രങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും കൊടുക്കുന്നു. ഇപ്രകാരമുള്ള വനവ കേന്ദ്രങ്ങൾ ഇപ്പോൾ ഉണ്ടു. ഹോസ്പിറ്റലിലേക്കുള്ള പാൽപൊടിയും പാൽകട്ടിയും ചീഫ് മെഡിക്കൽ ആഫീസർ വഴിയാണ് വിതരണംചെയ്യുന്നതു.

(സി) ബാക്കി ഉദ്ദേശം വു ന്ന ടണ്ണോളം ഇപ്പോൾ ഉണ്ടു.

FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

712. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of resolutions passed by the last Food Advisory Committee of Talappalli Taluk;

(*b*) whether any one of those resolutions referred to in question No. 1 has been accepted or acted upon by the Government;

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(*c*) if so, how many of those resolutions were acted upon by the Government;

(*d*) whether any resolutions making any constructive suggestions have been made by the above Committee;

(*e*) how many resolutions protesting against the attitude of the Government and the Food Supplies Department towards the resolutions of the above Committee have been passed and sent up by the last Food Advisory Committee of Talappalli Taluk?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) 86 resolutions were passed by Food Advisory Committee.

(*b*) Yes. Some of the suggestions contained in the resolutions have been acted upon by Government.

(*c*) In the case of 26 resolutions action has been taken by the Government in accordance with the suggestions of the Committee.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) 6 resolutions.

SCARCITY OF CATTLE FODDER

713. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Director of Food Supplies has received petitions complaining the scarcity of cattle fodder like bran, Bengal gram, cotton seeds, etc., from Kunnamkulam in the year 1120 and 1121;

(*b*) whether any telegram has been received by the Government on the same matter from Kunnamkulam;

(*c*) if so, when were these petitions and telegrams received;

(*d*) whether the Government have any reply to any of these petitions or telegrams received;

(*e*) is not the scarcity of cattle fodder still acute as it was at the time of the complaint;

(*f*) whether bran is available for sale at the depots and Fair Price Shops?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) One petition was received in 1120. None in 1121.

(*b*) The Director of Food Supplies has received one telegram regarding the scarcity of bran from President, Kunnamkulam Panchayat.

(*c*) The petition on 20th April 1945 (8th Medam 1120) and the telegram 19th April 1945 (7th Medam 1120).

(*d*) Yes. The President, Kunnamkulam Panchayat was informed that measures were taken to make bran available in the locality.

(*e*) Scarcity is still reported though the degree of it varies frequently.

(*f*) No. But its distribution from the Rice Mills in the State has been arranged at the price fixed by the Department.

CENTRAL FOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL

714. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any representation was received by Government urging the necessity to include prominent merchants of the State in the Central Food Advisory Council;

(*b*) what was the reply given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The reply given was that Government do not find their way to accept the suggestion.

ARECANUT GROWERS—RESTRICTIONS ON

715. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether our Government is imposing more restrictions on arecanut growers and traders under Proclamation II of 1120, than those imposed in British India under the British Indian Act;

(*b*) whether the "Sale Note" form now in vogue under Proclamation II of 1120 requires the signature of Central Excise Sub-Inspector;

(*c*) whether the above conditions is very rigorously adhered to in the Kunnamkulam Range, while it is not observed in the other ranges;

(*d*) whether the sale notes in Trichur Range are signed by Petty Officers;

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